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NEW TAX RATES TAKE EFFECT JULY 1, 2004

Voters have approved tax increases for Alameda County and the cities of Santa Cruz, Davis, and Visalia. All these increases take effect July 1, 2004.

Alameda County voters approved a 0.5% Alameda County Essential Health Care Services Transactions and Use Tax, which will increase the tax rate within the county from 8.25% to 8.75%.

Voters in the City of Santa Cruz approved a 0.25% City of Santa Cruz General Revenue Transactions and Use Tax, which will increase the tax rate within the city limits from 8.00% to 8.25%. The tax rate in the areas of the county outside the city of Santa Cruz will remain at 8.00%.

Voters in the City of Davis approved a 0.50% City of Davis General Revenue Transactions and Use Tax, which will increase the tax rate within the city limits from 7.25% to 7.75%. Davis is located in Yolo County. The tax rate in the areas of the county outside the city of Davis (and the cities of West Sacramento and Woodland which also have a 7.75% tax rate) will remain at 7.25%.

Voters in the City of Visalia approved a 0.25% City of Visalia Public Safety Transactions and Use Tax, which will increase the tax rate within the city limits from 7.25% to 7.50%. Visalia is located in Tulare County. The tax rate in the areas of the county outside the city of Visalia will remain at 7.25%.

Another change that takes effect July 1, 2004, is a decrease in the sales and use tax rate in Mariposa County. This decrease is the result of the expiration of the 0.50% Mariposa County Healthcare Authority transactions and use tax, which expires at midnight on June 30, 2004, returning the county to a 7.25% sales and use tax rate.

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